

## IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

An event which was most heartily enjoyed by the guests took place on Friday afternoon, when Mrs. J. H. Allen was the hostess to the Week End club. The Allen home which is just far enough to furnish the guests a pleasant drive, never looked prettier or more inviting than it did upon this occasion. White flowers, ferns and Southern smiles were used in the decorations, in a manner that displayed the fine taste of the hostess. The large east room was used for the entertaining of the guests. The blinds were thrown open so there was no obstruction to keep the breeze out. Preceding the game of six handed forty-two daisy score cards were passed and with the charming hospitality of the hostess the affair was made exceptionally enjoyable. There were present in addition to the members of the club many friends of the hostess making the number of guests present sixty. At a suitable hour refreshments were served which were all that good taste and a knowledge of the culinary art could suggest. The informality and gracious manner of the hostess made this one of the most enjoyable social affairs of the summer.

One of the delightful little parties of the week took place on Thursday afternoon at 5:30, when Miss Annie McDougall invited several of Master Henry Fountain's friends to come spend the afternoon with him. The beautiful shady lawn where the full benefit of delightful breezes was fully enjoyed presented a gay scene when filled with joyous girls and boys. The hours devoted to the occasion were happily spent in games and other amusements so dear to the hearts of the little ones. Nothing was left undone to make the day one long to be remembered, the time passing only too quickly e'er the hour of departure came. The enjoyment of the afternoon terminated with the serving of cream and cake. Miss McDougall was assisted in entertaining by Misses Margaret Zuber and Blanche Cooper. There is nothing more beautiful in life than the beauty of childhood, and the young host received many thanks from little guests for a pleasant afternoon.

An unusually pleasant party of the summer was given on Thursday afternoon at five thirty at the pretty home of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Sanders when their little sister Miss Lillie Fay Sanders was honor guest. The affair was also given complimentary to the J. U. G. club. The guests were given a hearty welcome and met by Mrs. Sanders and Miss Waldine Sanders and escorted to the punch table where they were served to luscious punch. The entertainment lasted several hours, the chief feature of amusement was an animal contest in which Miss Ella Wiprecht received the prize, a dainty picture and Miss Grace Weaver was consoled with a box of animal crackers. This contest was original and caused quite a lot of fun and laughter among the guests. After the serving of a delicious course of cream and cake, all returned home conceding this quite a delightful party.

Miss Mary James entertained with an informal neighborhood party on Tuesday afternoon at the elegant home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. James. This home is an ideal place to entertain, the residence being spacious and the lawn being beautiful and extensive. The young hostess received her guests cordially and made the evening one of genuine pleasure for her many friends, who were made merry with forty-two and all the other games usually indulged in for recreation. The affair was concluded by all being served with delicious ice cold watermelon. It was a decided success and one that will long be pleasantly remembered by the guests.

The J. U. G. club will meet with Miss Corinne Batte on next Thursday afternoon.

The Bachelor Girls Club has disbanded for the summer.

### The King of Instruments.

Restricted as is its range of dynamics, the violin has had for its votaries men of such widely differing temperaments as Paganini and Spohr, Wilhelmj and Sarasate, Joachim and Ysaye. Its literature does not compare with that of the piano, for which Bach, Beethoven, Schumann, Chopin and Brahms have written their choicest music, yet the intimate nature of the violin, its capacity for passionate emotion, crowns it—and not the organ with its mechanical tonal effects—as the king of instruments. Nor does the voice make the peculiarly poignant appeal of the violin. Its lowest note is the G below the treble clef and its top note a mere squeak, but it seems in a few octaves to have imprisoned within its wooden walls a miniature world of feeling. Even in the hands of a clumsy amateur it has the formidable power of a master for it is capable of rousing the soul of a listener in Everybody's

### The Coughing Bean.

To the ordinary household the falling of a house plant into a violent paroxysm of coughing is naturally disconcerting. Yet there are plants which will do this when the broom or the duster begins to make dust fly. This singular plant is the "coughing bean," known to the botanist as the *Rutadra tussilens*. It is a native of warm and moist tropical countries and cannot and will not stand dust. When dust settles upon the breathing pores in the leaves of this plant and chokes them a gas accumulates inside the leaves and when it gains sufficient strength forcibly "blows off," clearing the pores of dust and making a sound exactly like coughing. At the same time the leaves tremble and the plant actually "gets red in the face" through the sinking of the green chlorophyll grains and the appearance of red particles on the leaves. This plant is sometimes used as a house plant, and sweeping the room sets it coughing, to the intense astonishment of persons not familiar with its peculiarities.—*London Chronicle*.

### Paid For the Kiss.

Lord Northcote was once made curious use of while governor general of Australia, says *London M. A. P.* Strolling one night through an avenue of somber trees to a friend's house to dinner, he was suddenly pounced upon by a maid-servant, who kissed him effusively and pressed a little parcel into his hand. "Here's a sausage for you, I can't come out tonight, as master has company," she whispered and as mysteriously disappeared. When he got to the house he found one of his servants loitering by the gate. "What are you doing there?" asked Lord Northcote. "I'm waiting for my sweetheart," the man stammered. "Where is she?" "In service here." "Ah, then, I am right. Here is a sausage from your sweetheart, and she wishes me to tell you that she cannot come out tonight, as her master has company." Seeing that the man looked nervous, he added kindly: "She also gave me a kiss for you, but perhaps you would rather wait until you see her. Here is 5 shillings instead."

### Round About Dorking.

The neighborhood of Dorking, where George Meredith lived, has many literary associations independent of its connection with that famous novelist. It was at Burford Bridge, near Dorking, that Keats completed "Eudymon" in November, 1817; close by, at the Rookery, was born Father Mathias, the popular economist, and at West Humble Frances Burney, after her marriage with General d'Arbury, built Camilla cottage with profits of her novel of that name and settled down. Sheridan resided at Poleston and John Stuart Mill at Mickleham, while other illustrious residents in the locality in earlier times were John Evelyn and Daniel Defoe. To most people, however, the chief literary association of Dorking is with Dickens, for was it not at the Marquis of Granby's, variously identified with the White Hart and the Old King's Head, that Mr. Weller, Sr., made the fatal blunder of proposing to a "villider?"—*Westminster Gazette*.

### English Difficult to Pronounce.

The difficulty of English for strangers does not lie in its orthography, but in its pronunciation. Abroad people will constantly say that they can read and write English readily, while unable to utter a word or to understand a word of the spoken language, as, of course, vice versa, a great many English and Americans can read and write French long before they can understand or make themselves understood. The other languages are just as difficult for them to pronounce as English is for others. The only difference is that English stands alone with its system or lack of system of pronunciation. When a Frenchman knows how to write German he is at the same time able to speak the language, if not beautifully, at least so as to be understood. The same holds for a German speaking French.—*Professor Albert Schulz in North American Review*.

### The Battle of the Nations.

The conflict called the "Battle of the Nations" was the battle of Leipzig. It was fought on Oct. 16-18, 1813, between the soldiers of Russia, Prussia, Austria, Sweden, Denmark and Holland, under Schwarzenberg, on the one side, and Napoleon's army of allies, on the other. It was one of the greatest battles of modern times. A half million of men were engaged, and the casualties on both sides were 94,000. It resulted in overwhelming defeat for Napoleon and the liberation of Germany. Troops from every nation of Europe participated in it, hence the "Battle of Nations."

### Over the Limit.

Husband (reading from his paper): Here, they say, is a comet coming toward the earth, traveling at the rate of a million miles a minute. Wife (awaking from a doze): Why don't they enforce the speed laws better?—*Baltimore American*.

### It Makes a Difference.

In Lever's "Charles O'Malley" the hero's boast while on his way to a duel, "I can break the stem of a wineglass at fifteen paces," was met by his friend and mentor with the comment: "Yes, but the wineglass hasn't a pistol in its hand."

### Fate.

"They used to say I was a man with a future."  
"And now?"  
"Now they refer to me as a man with a past. Wish I could have a present once."—*Cleveland Leader*.

# SOUTHERN GREECE HAS GREAT EARTHQUAKE

## Hundreds of Lives Lost and Great Property Destruction by Fearful Upheaval

Special to the Eagle.

London, July 17.—Special dispatches received here from Athens say 300 persons were killed or injured by an earthquake that occurred yesterday in the province of Elis, Southern Greece. Damage to property is also very great.

Hot water is flowing today from many springs in the stricken district, while the water in the rivers and brooks has turned to a reddish color.

Shock in Portugal.

Special to the Eagle.  
Lisbon, July 17.—Severe earth

shocks were experienced last night at Benavento, a seaport 27 miles north-east of Lisbon.

The population was thrown into a panic but the damage was slight.

FELT IN CALIFORNIA.

Buildings at Santa Barbara Trembled But Did Not Topple.

Special to the Eagle.  
Santa Barbara, Cal., July 17.—A sharp earth tremor was felt here yesterday.

It shook buildings but no damage was done, so far as known.

## AMONG THE CHURCHES.

### FREE BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday school at 9:45. No preaching service either morning or evening on account of the absence of the pastor who is holding a meeting at Willow Hole.

T. A. Searcy, Pastor.

### CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Remember the Sunday school at 9:45.

The subject for the morning service will be "At the Cross" and in the evening "Nothing but Leaves."

The pastor will preach at Rock Prairie tomorrow afternoon, but will be here for morning and night services.

There was one accession to the church last Sunday morning by confession and baptism.

James N. Thomas.

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday school 9:45 a. m.  
Morning service 11 a. m.  
Westminster League 7:15 p. m.  
Evening service 8:15 p. m.  
Wednesday evening at 8:15 second lecture in the series—Subject: "Is Death the End?"

J. T. Caughley.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Services at the First Baptist church tomorrow as follows:

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Mr. H. H. Newton, Supr.  
Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. by Dr. W. C. Friley.  
B. Y. P. U. at 7:15, Frank Buchanan, president.

Sunbeams at 4 p. m. Mrs. T. R. Batte, leader.

Dr. W. C. Friley, the former pastor of this church, so well and favorably known here will preach at both hours tomorrow in the absence of the pastor who is in a meeting at McGregor, Texas.

Everybody is invited to attend these services and worship with us.

M. E. Weaver, Pastor.

### B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM.

Subject—"Old Bible Characters" Leader Miss Alva Pipkin.

Song.  
Prayer.  
Song.  
Prayer.  
Business.  
Scripture Reading, 19th Psalm.  
Eather—Miss Lillian Parks.  
Daniel—Miss Beattie Buchanan.  
Vocal Solo—J. D. Ganter.  
Elijah—John Newton.

### Dobbin's Journey.

The family horse, who rejoiced in the eminently proper equine name of Dobbin, had earned a rest by long service and was accordingly sent away to the country to spend his declining years in the broad pastures of a farmer friend of his owner. The distance being somewhat excessive for his rheumatic legs, he was shipped to his new home by rail.

Little Edna, the family four-year-old, viewed the passing of Dobbin with unfeigned sorrow. She sat for a long time gazing disconsolately out of the window. At last, after a deep sigh, she turned with a more cheerful expression and said:

"Did old Dobbin go on the choo-choo cars, mamma?"

"Yes, dear," answered her mother. A broad grin spread over the little girl's face. "I was just thinking," she said, "how funny he must feel sitting up on the plush cushions."—*Woman's Home Companion*.

### Amos' Anecdote.

"We always wondered a little how Amos Dore and his wife got along—really," Aunt Em Macomber said frankly. "Some in the neighborhood said they'd never overheard a single loud or cross word on either side, but Life Daniels always stuck to it that Amos was as mis'able at home as a man could be."

"He never spoke right out till Amos died and Mis' Dore went back up country to her folks. Then he let out."

"What?" queried Aunt Em's visitor. "Well, Amos worked logging alongside of Life every winter, and summers they layed together most all ways, and it seems," said Aunt Em impressively, "that Amos complained of his shoes hurting him about all the time. Finally Life asked why he wore tight shoes."

"Why don't you get a pair big enough?" says Life one day.

"Well, I'll tell you, Amos says. 'When I wear tight shoes I forget all my other troubles.'—Youth's Companion.

### Polishing a Diamond.

The polishing of a diamond is a very slow process, because of the great hardness of the material; besides this, the work must be frequently interrupted to allow the disk to cool out after it has become overheated by friction. Each time a new facet is to be cut the diamond must be removed from the dop and reset at another angle, and the diamond cutter trusts to his eye alone to guide him in this delicate adjustment, although in the case of very small diamonds a magnifying glass is necessary. The skill shown in placing the stone in the heated metal, sometimes with the bare hand, is surprising. The regular brilliant has fifty-six facets, besides the table and the collet—thirty-two above the girdle and twenty-four below—but as eight facets are first formed, both above and below, each of these being reset into three or four smaller ones, there are considerably more than fifty-six separate surfaces to be cut.—*Dr. George F. Kunz in Century*.

### Qualities of the Topaz.

The name of the precious stone inscribed in the ring of Gyges has not been handed down to us, but it is probable that it was the topaz, whose wonders Philostratus recounts in the *Life of Apollonius*. An attribute of the sun and of fire, the ancients called it the gold magnet, as it was credited with the power of attracting that metal, indicating its value and discovering the treasures. Heliodorus in his story of Theagenes and Charicles says that the topaz saves from fire all those who wear it and that Charicles was preserved by a topaz from the fiery vengeance of Arsaces, queen of Ethiopia. This stone was one of the first talismans that Theagenes possessed in Egypt. The topaz at present symbolizes Christian virtues—faith, justice, temperance, gentleness, clemency.—*Paris Figaro*.

### Lundyfoot and His Snuff.

The shop of a Dublin tobacconist named Lundyfoot was destroyed by fire. While he was gazing dolefully into the smoldering ruins he noticed that his poorer neighbors were gathering the snuff from the canister. He tested the snuff for himself and discovered that the fire had largely improved its pungency and aroma. This was a hint worth profit by. He secured another shop, built a lot of ovens, subjected the snuff to a beating process, gave the brand a name and in a few years became rich through an accident which he at first thought had ruined him. It was Lundyfoot to whom the great orator and wit, John Philip Curran, suggested the celebrated motto to the coat of arms emblazoned by the successful tobacconist upon the panels of his carriage, a motto which had its meaning in Latin and English and was significant in both. "Quid Ridet" (who laughs). "Quid," it may be mentioned, was a nickname bestowed on tobacconists at the time, owing to a prominent article in their stock of trade.

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